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WITH INSUFFICIENT FORCE ALLIES RETIRE FROM SERBIA

FORCE NOT SUFFICIENT TO COPE WITH BULGARIAN-TEUTON ARMY OF MORE THAN ONE MILLION MEN ENGAGED AGAINST ENTENTE ARMIES.

Allies Continue to Fall Back Into Greek Territory, but Without Suffering Losses Such as they Endured when the Retreat First Began—Saloniki Denies Report Which Gave London such a Scare, that German Army Had Reached Grevgeli near the Greek-Bulgarian Border—Conference Outlining Future Campaign. Allies Held in Paris Yesterday between Premier Briand, Secretary Gallieni for France, and Grey and Kitchener in England—Immense Crowds at Recruiting Stations in London, which will be Kept Open Until Sunday Night to Continue Registrations for Military Service.

London, Dec. 11.—It is generally conceded that the allies' forces in Serbia are inadequate to cope with the Bulgarian and Central Powers, where their armies in the Balkans now, as stated by the Bulgarian premier, are said to be more than one million men.

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A Saloniki dispatch denies the report which gave London such a shock, that German troops had reached Gievgeli, near the Greek-Serbian border.

Today was the last day of enrollment for military service under Earl Derby's recruiting plan, and the crowds seeking to enlist for military service became so great this afternoon that it became necessary to continue the registration time until midnight, Sunday.

Conference Held in Paris
Paris, Dec. 11.—Questions of urgent character, concerning the conduct of the war, were settled on a basis of complete understanding today at a conference between Premier Briand and War Secretary Gallieni for France and Earl Grey and Kitchener for England. This includes a continuance of the Balkan campaign and measures to safeguard the military expeditions at Saloniki.

Germans Evacuate Lemberg
Kiev, Russia, Dec. 11.—It is reported here that Lemberg, Galicia, is being evacuated by the German-Austrian forces on account of an outbreak of scurvy.

Munitions Plant Destroyed
Havre, Dec. 11.—The Belgian government's munitions factories here were destroyed by an explosion today. Many persons were injured.

Greece to Demobilize.
Athens, Dec. 11.—The Greek government has made arrangements to demobilize its army, and a decree to this effect will be issued shortly. It is learned on good authority that the allies have renewed their energetic representations of yesterday to induce Greece to take instant action regarding the facilities for allied troops at Saloniki, and a decisive move by Greece is expected momentarily.

Will Retire to Saloniki
London, Dec. 11.—The forces of France and England, which have participated in the Serbian campaign, are retiring from Serbian territory, and it is believed that their destination is in the Saloniki region.

A. E. Fritchle of Enid, president of the Oklahoma State Ice cream makers association was in the city yesterday on business.

WEATHER FORECAST
New Orleans, La., Dec. 11.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for Sunday is fair and warmer.

ALVIN MARTIN DIED SATURDAY EVENING

YOUNG MAN WHO SUFFERED A BROKEN NECK SUCCUMBS AFTER MANY WEEKS OF CAREFUL NURSING.

Alvin Martin, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Martin of Lone Grove, who it will be remembered, broke his neck last September, while turning a hand spring on a wagon in Spokane, Wash., died Saturday at the home of his parents, just one month after he had been brought back to his home.

It has been considered almost a miracle that the young man lived as long as he did, but when, two weeks after the accident, he apparently had some chance for recovery, was brought home, and stood the long and tiresome trip wonderfully well. Since arriving home, however, it has been apparent that while the mind was perfectly alive and active, the body was gaining no nourishment, and he gradually wasted away until the end came.

The case attracted widespread attention, not only in this immediate vicinity, but throughout the entire country, and it was hoped that he would eventually recover. Everything that medical aid and science could do has been done.

The entire community sympathizes with the bereaved parents, who are widely known. Dr. Martin was at one time president of Hargrove college and a prominent Methodist divine. The funeral arrangements had not been made last evening.

BASS CHOSEN AS ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTY.

WILL SUCCEED W. F. BOWMAN IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR THE BALANCE OF TERM.

Yesterday afternoon County Attorney A. J. Hardy announced that he would appoint J. A. Bass assistant attorney in place of W. F. Bowman who recently resigned. The appointment gives general satisfaction to all the officials about the court house, and the Board of County Commissioners will no doubt confirm the appointment at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Bass has been a resident of this city for a number of years. He is a lawyer of ability and is known throughout this section of the state. He will be of valuable assistance to County Attorney Hardy.

The Weekly Ardmoreite reaches the farmer.

Next Luncheon Thursday.

The next noonday lunch of the Chamber of Commerce will be held at the California Cafe Thursday, Dec. 16, beginning promptly at noon and coming to a close when the clock strikes one.

The hotel and road proposition are the two subjects to be discussed and the committees are expected to make their reports. The hotel committee is negotiating with some local and outside parties to form a big stock company and build a hotel adequate to the needs of the city for many years to come. The hotel question will settle itself shortly, but the question of a road to the oil fields is one that is going to require some immediate action if the city is to get the full benefit of the Haldon oil fields.

MAYOR MULLEN WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT

OF THE OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE, IN SESSION AT NORMAN, FRIDAY AFTERNOON — CITY GOVERNMENT DISCUSSED.

Mayor Mullen of this city was chosen president of the Oklahoma Municipal League in annual session at Norman, Friday afternoon. Mayor Mullen stated that the meeting was the most successful in the history of the league, and that many questions pertaining to governmental affairs were discussed and some good ideas promulgated.

The mayor said that the question of "white ways" was one discussed and he is more determined than ever to see that Ardmore has one, as soon as the buildings along Main street can be rebuilt. He has secured all the necessary data and will be ready to submit his plans in full to the public as soon as the streets are ready to receive the standards.

Mr. Mullen has secured the co-operation of most of the property owners along Main street, who have agreed to install uniform light standards of cast iron to hold the lamps, and he feels sure that he will have the help of everyone interested in the attractiveness of the city.

PECANS MAKE MONEY FOR THE FARMERS

ONE MAN IN THIS CITY HAS PAID OUT OVER \$20,000 FOR FOR THE NUTS SO FAR THIS SEASON.

The pecan industry of this section has brought many thousands of dollars to Carter county this season, and many more cars will be shipped if the weather continues fair, so that the nuts can be gathered.

J. S. McCharen of this city has paid out over twenty thousand dollars for pecans, and he is but one of a number of buyers in the city, who make a specialty of carload shipments.

The pecan industry is gradually growing in this section of the state and many of the native trees are being budded with the big paper-shell variety of nuts which command as high as fifty cents per pound on the eastern markets. O. K. Darden, pioneer paper-shell pecan grower of this section of the state, has several hundred native trees which have budded and his income, without exertion, will exceed that of the largest cotton farmer in the state in a few years.

The force at The Ardmoreite office was presented with a large bag of cracked pecans yesterday morning by Mr. McCharen. They were greatly appreciated.

J. N. Dyer of Oklahoma City, was transacting business here yesterday.

AMERICAN NOTE PUBLIC MONDAY

AMERICAN NOTE TO AUSTRIA, DEMANDING DISAVOWAL OF SINKING OF SHIP, DELIVERED.

TO BE KNOWN MONDAY

Text Will Be Given Out For Publication in Morning Newspapers of Tomorrow — United States Near the Breaking Point With Austria.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The American note demanding that Austria-Hungary disavow the sinking of the Ancona, and asking reparation for the American lives lost thereon, was delivered to the Austrian foreign office today.

The text will be given out for publication in the Monday morning newspapers. Although all officials here are silent over the negotiations with Austria, it is generally admitted that diplomatic relations with Austria are in grave danger of being broken off. As grave a crisis as that attending the negotiations with Germany regarding submarine warfare, now exists.

The question of continuing diplomatic relations may be said to depend upon a satisfactory reply to Secretary Lansing's note, which is before the Vienna foreign office, demanding a disavowal of the sinking of the Ancona, reparation for the lives lost and assurances that passenger ships shall not be attacked without warning or an opportunity for non-combatants to take places of safety.

Officials of the state department will not discuss the American note. It is taken for granted that the communication must have been delivered before this time.

So far as the Petrolite incident is concerned, there probably will be no action by the state department until more complete reports are received, showing the exact circumstances under which the vessel was attacked. If the tanker was shelled while trying to escape in disregard of warning from the submarine, there would be no complaint on that score.

Causes Drop in Cotton.
New York, Dec. 11.—Cotton fell practically two dollars per bale today.

Hurried Decline at Opening.
New Orleans, La., Dec. 11.—Cotton values shot down swiftly today, breaking about \$1.75 per bale on the first thirty minutes of trading. The tension between the United States and Austria-Hungary was responsible for the decline.

SUIT IS FILED AGAINST BOARD TRUSTEES

OF THE STATE SOLDIERS TO COMPEL THEM TO READMIT OLD SOLDIER WHO SAYS HE IS DISCRIMINATED AGAINST.

M. C. Huzza, through his attorney Fred Ryburn, has filed suit in the district court against the trustees of the state confederate home to compel them to re-admit him into that institution.

Petitioner sets forth in his petition that prior to August, 1913, he was an inmate of the home but that he was discharged without cause, and though he has made repeated efforts to be reinstated has been refused, and prays the court that the board of trustees be compelled to re-admit him and to pay all costs in the action.

Huzza served throughout the war in the army of northern Virginia and his record in that respect has been a good one, but the authorities of the home stated that it is impossible to get along with him, and for that reason he was expelled.

ROBBERY IN HOUSTON

Contractor Forced to Give up Payroll of Five Hundred Dollars

Houston, Tex., Dec. 11.—An unmasked bandit at the point of a pistol today robbed George F. Norton, a contractor, of his five hundred dollar payroll. Blood hounds have been placed on the trail of the robber.

STOP ANOTHER VESSEL

New York, Dec. 11.—The American steamer San Juan was held up and searched by a French cruiser, according to a message to her owners today.

Two second-class passengers were removed. The San Juan was bound from New Orleans to San Juan.

MANY APPLY AS OBJECTS OF CHARITY

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY SWAMPED WITH REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE—SOME ARE WORTHY, SOME DOUBTFUL.

Friday afternoon Mrs. Curtis had eighteen applications for assistance at her office in the court house, and of this number she was compelled to do a lot of weeding, in order to eliminate the professional "moocher" who has been trying to live off the Benevolent Society for some time.

Many of these persons are "floaters" who imagine that the Benevolent Society is operating a free transportation bureau, and make requests for tickets to places as close as Berwyn and as far away as Seattle. Unless there are some good circumstances connected with their cases, they are told that walking is good. Some of the neighboring cities have learned that Ardmore has a bunch of big-hearted women who will look after all their wants regardless, and encourage their own undesirables to make their way to this city. Some of these will find a hard winter before them, as the Benevolent Society has a card index of the really worthy ones, and after these are looked after the others will be compelled to shift for themselves.

The railroad relief committee has some funds in its treasury, but it will require every dollar it has to take care of those who suffered by the recent explosion who are unable to work. The committee does not propose to feed the poor and needy dumped here from other cities, and those who arrive expecting it are going to be sadly disappointed.

COUNTY AGENT FOR CARTER A NON-RESIDENT

W. D. BENTLEY, DIRECTOR OF EXTENSION AND FARM EXPERIMENTS, SAYS AGENT MUST BE NON-RESIDENT.

W. D. Bentley, director of farm experiments for Oklahoma, has written to F. K. West, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, stating that he is willing to co-operate with the Board of County Commissioners and appoint a farm agent here, provided the commissioners would authorize the levy made by law for such purposes.

Mr. Bentley states, however, that the department would not consider the appointment of a local man, as it is the custom to secure county agents from other parts of the state, when the appointment was made, and indicated that he would appoint Mr. Garland of Marshall county, provided he could be secured and a suitable salary paid him.

The matter will be taken up with the county commissioners at their next regular meeting, and some disposition made with the matter.

YUAN SHI KAI TO CHINESE THRONE

PRESIDENT OF CHINESE REPUBLIC ACCEPTS THRONE TENDERED BY COUNCIL OF STATE.

TWICE OFFERED HIM

Council Sent Yuan Shi Kai Two Petitions Before He Accepted, with Provision That He Continue as President Until Time for Coronation.

Pekin, Dec. 11.—Yuan Shi Kai, president of the Chinese republic, has accepted the throne of China tendered him by the council of state.

The council sent Yuan Shi Kai two petitions before he accepted, with the provision that he continue as president until a convenient time for the coronation.

In recent years Yuan Shi-kai has become the most conspicuous personality of the Orient through his efforts to bring his 400,000,000 fellow yellow men into line as citizens of the new republic of China. The task of turning this most ancient and backward of kingdoms into a republic within whose confines there was a fifth of the world's inhabitants—a republic four times as large as the United States—was obviously no easy one, and the man who attempted it, did not escape storms of criticism from those who held that he was a dictator, virtually founding a new dynasty. But among foreigners generally, Yuan Shi-kai was given credit for as able an administration as could be expected under the circumstances.

Born in 1859, the son of a district governor in the province of Honan, Yuan Shi-kai aspired to an official position, but the rule was that official life was open only to those who passed in ancient classics.

He rose to great prominence through his effective re-organization of the army after the war with Japan had shown its weaknesses. It is generally held that he assisted the Empress Dowager in effecting a coup d'etat in 1898 by which he wrested the throne from the emperor Kuang Shu, and he was popularly accused of betraying the emperor.

YAQUIS ARE AGAIN ON THE WAR PATH

RAIDS MADE ON AMERICAN SETTLEMENT IN YAQUI VALLEY—APPEAL TO AMERICAN CONSUL AT GUAYMAS.

Topolobampo, Mexico, Dec. 11.—The Yaquis are again on the warpath and are raiding the American settlement in the Yaqui Valley. An appeal has been sent to the American consul at Guaymas for protection of Americans. No casualties are reported among the Americans. Admiral Winslow has ordered the cruiser Raleigh to proceed to Bari Bay, the nearest port to the American settlement.



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